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City asked to fight to keep Camillien Houde/Remembrance Rd. open Council questioned on street repairs, timing, closures

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Ongoing complaints about the state of Westmount streets – their disrepair and planning of work – was heard from several residents during the city council meeting September 5. This included speeding on Greene Ave. south of Dorchester, the possible closure of Remembrance Rd./Camillien Houde by the city of Montreal and a repeated request for photo radar.

The meeting's concerns also focused on the timing and scheduling of repair work in adjacent one-way blocks on Victoria, Grosvenor and Roslyn, in particular those around Roslyn School as summer holidays came to an end.

"How can you have these blocks closed

at the same time?" asked one resident, to which Mayor Christina Smith said it was "a very fair comment." She explained that work on Victoria was "not supposed to run into the school year."

Concerning the question of Remembrance Rd., it was not until September 13 that Montreal announced the closure to cars in 2027 of Camillien Houde, which forms the eastern part of the Remembrance Rd. route over Mount Royal, starting near the intersection of Belvedere and Côte des Neiges in Westmount.

At the council meeting, however, it had been pointed out that Remembrance Rd./Camillien Houde is a well-used route used by many Westmount residents over the moun- *continued on p. 10*

Basketball court opens ahead of schedule



The partial court for basketball in Murray Park located east of the comfort station was open and ready for use September 11, one day before the date being announced on the city's website. It had been closed for reconstruction for some time.



Increase to continue pool use, teen zone City adds \$7,000 to Y's grant for \$12,000

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council September 5 approved an increase of \$6,942 in its grant this year to the Westmount YMCA following a request from the organization. This adds to the \$12,000 awarded to the Y as part of the city's annual supporting grants issued in March to non-profit organizations in Westmount.

The resolution states that the Y had contacted the city, stating that because since 2012 the community grant the city provided had "significantly dropped" from \$20,000 to \$12,000 and that this year's amount was not enough to cover the services offered to Westmount residents.

Without an additional grant, the Y would have to cut the services once the funds expired, it adds. The additional amount is to come from the Sports and Recreation department's budget.

At the time the initial supporting grant was awarded, it was explained that the Y provided local residents with an opportunity to use *continued on p. 4*



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Drop-offs remain an issue Public Security seeks tolerance near daycares

In regard to these issues, she said, she

was not aware that the city had pulled the

mobility survey it had launched June 28.

This was for the wider zone that includes

another four schools in the area. This is

bounded by Westmount Ave. and Mon-

trose to the north, Sherbrooke to the south,

Metcalfe to the west and Argyle to the east

For an update on this survey, please see

(see story July 11, p. 4).

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By LAUREEN SWEENEY

With the recent return to school and increasing safety challenges around daycares and elementary schools in particular, Public Security officials said last week that the parking issues related to the area around city hall had re-surfaced.

In particular, said assistant department director Kimberley Colquhoun, the daycares involve parents dropping off and picking up younger kids, which requires increased understanding, patience and tolerance from both parents and nearby residents.

"We're hearing about the frustration of people trying to find a safe parking spot to unbuckle their kids' safety belts or remove them from car seats and then accompany them inside as well as from nearby residents who may have their driveways temporarily blocked.

"It's also important to remember," she said, "that this is an area where fire and other emergency vehicles come around the corner from Stanton onto Côte St. Antoine." She has been working with school security personnel to alert them to make suggestions.

Now that Miss Vicky's daycare has left



Westmount public safety officer Marie-Ève Parent at work near The Study September 13. PHOTOS COURTESY OF PUBLIC SECURITY.

St. Matthias' Church, this leaves Church Hill available for parking, she pointed out.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (GENERAL MAIL)

DISPEL MYTHS, HELP PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES

I would like to address the letter "Please deal with the Stayner Park safety issue" signed by a group of my Westmount neighbours (September 5, p. 6).

There is a clear increase in the number of individuals without homes because there is a serious lack of affordable housing, "renovictions" are rampant, the cost of living is increasing, and mental health issues are increasing and difficult to address with a crumbling healthcare system and limited resources.

Please do not assume that these individuals are responsible for the increase in crime or that they are dangerous. Homeless Hub Canada is an excellent resource to understand the plight of homelessness and dispel some of the many myths surrounding homelessness.

No need to be idle. Volunteer at a food bank, donate grocery cards to your local shelter, or join a board of directors of a

Y grant, cont'd from p.1

an indoor pool year-round at certain reserved times and that the Y operated the Teen Zone youth centre at the Westmount recreation centre as well as "other programs differing from the Sports and Recreation" (see story March 14, p. 4).

As a result, the additional grant was approved unanimously by the council.

non-profit and share your skills.

This is our community and we are all part of the solution.

Sheila Woodhouse – executive DIRECTOR, COMMUNAUTÉ NAZARETH INC.

SLOW-MOTION DEMOLITION OF 500 CLAREMONT?

Many years have now passed since [developers] Mr. Gideon Pollack and Groupe Forum charmed Mayor Smith, Councillor Peart and the citizens of Westmount into thinking 500 Claremont would be a great project for the community once finished.

Only caveat: it will never be completed [in my opinion].

No work has been performed since last year's strategic top-floor demolition. And now that the roof has been removed, rain and thawing snow regularly flood the building, efficiently eroding the building's structural integrity. Already looking like a bombarded ruin, the building will slowly reach an advanced state of disrepair.

A fine strategy [seems to be in use]. If the city won't approve a demolition permit, might as well let it crumble to the ground, even if that takes time.

If Mr. Gideon Pollack and Groupe Forum are truly acting in good faith and really plan to see 500 Claremont completed, it would be best to come forward with some clear answers regarding this complete lack of activity and communicate a true timeline to completion. Manpower shortage and supply chain disruptions are all obsolete, lame excuses.

Let's hope for some creativity.

In all likelihood, 500 Claremont will keep decaying in plain sight until it's no longer salvageable, causing yet more revenue loss for all the rental properties across the street and in the vicinity. More importantly, it will remain a source of anxiety and loss of joy for all nearby residents and a major eyesore for the community for years and years to come.

While this is happening in broad daylight, why aren't city hall and Councillor Peart representing their constituents and asking tough questions to Mr. Gideon Pollack?

On its website, the city of Westmount urges its residents to be good neighbours when undertaking renovation projects. Unsurprisingly, this does not seem to apply to corporate citizens such as Groupe Forum and Mr. Gideon Pollack.

How much longer will Mr. Pollack, Mayor Smith and Councillor Peart keep ignoring the distress caused to the citizens of Westmount by this slow-motion demo-

lition?

The well-being of the community is once again overlooked. What a shame.

MARIO JANELLE, WINDSOR AVE.

FORGET THE DOG RUNS -**FIX THE ROADS**

Re: September 5 article (p. 8) "Contractor hired to groom and prepare 3 dog runs" - for \$67,088.73. Are you kidding?

In view of the condition of the roads in this wealthy city, how can you justify that??

Our cars are taking a beating!! When will this city council make improvements to our roads?

Sherbrooke between Clarke Ave. and Atwater is disgraceful. Wood Ave. between St. Catherine and de Maisonneuve is a disaster. What about St. Catherine between Greene and Wood? OMG! And, of course, The Boulevard.

Just to name a few.

For one of the wealthiest municipalities in the Montreal agglomeration, I find the conditions of these roads quite UNAC-CEPTABLE.

WARREN DICK, WOOD AVE.

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The dog run in Murray Park being groomed on September 11.

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A bird's eye view of 500 Claremont



500 Claremont from the air, as seen September 13. The under-renovation building is about halfway between Sherbrooke and Côte St. Antoine Rd. Its demolition permit was extended in February until October 8 of this year (see February 28, p. 1), but not much has happened since then. The repurposing of the structure into rental apartments was initially presented to the public in December 2016.





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Norman E. Hébert, C.M., Chair of the Board of Directors, The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation

Taking on a leadership role at a critical time

Mr. Hébert, Executive Chair of **Groupe Park Avenue**, is taking the helm during a critical time for pediatric care. "The Children's needs are tremendous in

virtually every department," said Renée Vézina, President of The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation, "Donations are more vital than ever. We are in the middle of a major fundraising campaign, and Mr. Hébert has been an important member of our campaign cabinet. I look forward to working even more closely with him, along with the directors of our board and visionary Quebecers, to transform care and find unexpected ways to heal the children of Quebec."

A father and a grandfather, Mr. Hébert, recalls spending many afternoons at The Children's Emergency Department as his very sporty son and daughter had various broken bones set.

A long-time supporter, Mr. Hébert's involvement in philanthropy was deeply influenced by his father. "Dad believed those who were successful had a duty to give back to society not only by donating money but also by donating their time and energy," said Mr. Hébert, who received the Order of Canada in 2017. "Becoming Chair of The Children's Foundation Board is a natural calling. I look forward to helping fulfill the Foundation's vision to transform care, so every sick child has an opportunity to reach their full potential. Together, we can pave the way toward a healthy future for our children and grandchildren."

Mr. Hébert succeeds Ms. Katrin (Kathy) Nakashima, who has occupied the position since 2019 and played a critical role during the development and launch of the Foundation's \$200M *Unexpected Ways to Heal* fundraising campaign. We offer our profound thanks to Kathy for her incredible dedication and guidance.

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City pulls online survey on safety, mobility in school zone

By Laureen Sweeney

Did you complete and send in a city online survey launched June 28 on safety and mobility in school zones around city hall? The announced deadline was September 22.

Since that time, the survey has been "pulled," city communications director Sebastian Samuel said last week. The reason, he told the *Independent*, was because of the survey's timing at the start of the summer holidays for many schools. As a result, the survey has been removed from the city website. As to how many submissions had been received before that, he replied "not many," but this information would be forthcoming.

The survey was part of a city study on mobility and safety in the congested zone that included four daycares, and four schools as well as fire, police and Public Security services (see story July 11, p. 4).

The conclusions of the survey were expected to form part of a report to be submitted to the city in autumn 2023 as commissioned from Intervia Group, a firm of civil engineers (see story May 23, p. 5).

The city is expected to re-launch the survey at a currently unannounced date.

Contract awarded for planning of Public Works' mess hall renovation

By Laureen Sweeney

Now that the blue-collar strike by city workers has been settled (without details), city council September 5 approved a contract to draw up plans for renovating the workers' mess hall at the Public Works yard on Bethune, which had been among union demands.

Councillor Conrad Peart, whose commissionership includes infrastructure, moved the resolution to "authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$63,236.25 including tax credits" for the work from the successful bidder Nadeau Blondin Lortie Architects.

This was described as emanating from a city request for proposals "to draw up plans and estimates for the remodelling of the mess hall and replacement of its HVAC systems." It followed analysis of the received proposals, Peart said.

The mess hall has been among several items that have appeared on the city's capital works list of municipal real estate due for refurbishing work. During the strike, Mayor Christina Smith said its renovation "remained a priority" (see story August 15, p. 4).

Another fire in Summit Woods



The ashes from this fire in Summit Woods were fresh when they were photographed September 14. It is the same place as two previously photographed fires (see August 22, p. 2 and June 27, p. 6). It would seem that fires are frequently set at this location.

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Children's library pays tribute to Bob Barker Closing party attracts 200 for TD summer reading club

By Laureen Sweeney

The children's library wound up its TD Summer Reading Club with some 200 participants attending a closing party September 9 at Victoria Hall.

This involved an interactive musical show from Ensemble La Cigale featuring baroque instruments and called Cabinet of Curiosities.

The party included a tribute to the late Bob Barker, American television game show host of CBS's *The Price Is Right*. Barker died August 26.

The tribute included "a game we created called 'The Read is Right,'" Wayling said.

For this, "we called contestants from the audience to 'come on down' and play games, including bidding on the number of pages in a book and guessing the date the library opened!

"The afternoon was concluded with prizes (books, gift certificates, including gift certificates from a donation from the office of our MNA) and cupcakes!"

A total of 210 kids had registered in the club, recording 2,100 hours of reading.



Wendy Wayling, children's librarian and host of the game "The Read is Right," the library's tribute to Bob Barker and Dawna Hobbs (desk clerk of the children's department).



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LETTERS (GREENE UNDERPASS)

PYTHAGORAS, APPLIED

I, Pythagoras, send greetings from ancient Greece to respond to your article "New signage coming for Greene rail underpass" in your most recent issuance (September 5, p. 1). I don't comprehend exactly what a "rail underpass" might be, but I am given to understand it pertains to the crossing of two pathways, though why one would have to go over the other on an elevated track, I don't comprehend. Can't the paths just cross and the vehicles take turns? But that is not why I am sending you this written tablet.

I wonder if those in charge of signage for the problematic clearance between the two levels for the large chariots that pass underneath have taken into account the findings of my recent theorem, which states: The sum of the squares of the two sides of a right-angled triangle equals the square of the hypotenuse.

If, then, the marked clearance was measured simply by dropping a plumbline from the overhead structure to the road below, it would be measuring the hypotenuse of a right-angle triangle (distance "A" on illustration) whereas, due to the sharp incline of the roadway, the actual clearance available for any large chariot would corre-

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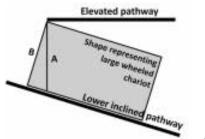
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spond to the (shorter!) length shown by distance "B" on the illustration.

I therefore philosophize from my theorem whether the drivers of such chariots are perhaps not being given precise information about the actual clearance height available to them.

By Zeus, that would cause unhappiness among the gods!

Pythagoras, Samos, Ancient Greece (AS CHANNELLED BY DON SANCTON, BEACONSFIELD)

WHY NOT LOWER GREENE A BIT?

[Regarding trucks hitting the Greene rail bridge,] would not lowering the surface of the road a few inches for a few meters on either side of the underpass do the trick once and for all? It seems so obvious that it must have been considered and dismissed for some good reason, but I can't think of one. Perhaps the city could enlighten us.

Bob Cowling, de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Editor's note: (1) To Pythagoras: No victim of the bridge has ever complained to us about its posted height. Indeed, no victim has ever contacted us about anything. But the various heights would be worth checking. (2) To expand on the inquiries of our three commentators on p. 8: How much roadway height would have to be removed and for how long a stretch? Would the solution create its own problem? Perhaps a dip/ramp? And when would be there enough height so that no sign would be needed at all? - DP.

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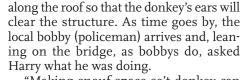
Under-engineering Greene rail underpass no joke



First, let me underscore the word "overpass." The bridge supporting the Canadian Pacific Railway line viaduct is an overpass and Greene Ave. is an underpass. The issues surrounding the overpass have plagued Westmounters, or at least those poor unfortunate visitors with poor eyesight, for decades.

It reminds me of an old Yorkshire joke that I must have told a thousand times. It goes like this.

Harry is walking along the tow path beside a canal with his trusty donkey. At some point along his journey, he reaches a low bridge passing over the canal. Unfortunately, the donkey is too tall to get under the bridge. Harry, who is not easily defeated and always resourceful, gets out his hammer and chisel and starts to chip away at the bridge, making two channels



"Making enouf space so't donkey can get under't bridge," says Harry.

"Well, 'Arry, why don't you just sweep away some of the gravel on the path? It would be a lot easier," says the bobby.

"Eeeh, laddy, I can see why you'd still poundin't beat. It's his ears that are too long, silly, not his legs."

Too many signs?

As long as I've lived in Westmount, the solution for trucks crashing into the bridge has been signs: bigger signs and more signs to warn drivers of perils ahead, including orange cones tied to a string stretched across the street before the official signs.

On one of my first visits, I had to get out my smart phone as I was driving up Greene and select web translation site DeepL to determine what a "ferroviaire" was. I was thinking maybe a ferocious bear, almost causing a *continued on p.* 9





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was frantically reversing backwards down Greene.

Trying to avoid the attacking bear, no doubt? Clearly, he knew what a ferroviaire was and it must have been terrifying.

If I type in "rail" in English, DeepL tells me the French translation is, wait for it, "rail." If I type in "railway" (as in railway bridge) the translation is "chemin de fer." Starting with French, DeepL does compute ferroviaire as rail but not vice versa. Maybe the sign should read "viaduc rail." Would that make a little more sense to the majority?

Will more signs on Greene solve the problem? I know that signs are important today, on roads and around construction sites. If it's unsafe, stick up a sign. Problem solved. I counted no less than 16, yes 16 individual signs, not including the two realtors' "à vendre" et "à louer" ones, on de Maisonneuve on the approach to Melville.

It caught my attention because contractors were adding two more signs in late August to indicate there's a school just around the corner (see September 12, p. SG-1 for the photo).

If you're going to a school every day, don't you remember it's just around the next corner? If no signs were there, would drivers careen into the lampposts and trees

collision with a truck in front of me that in Westmount Park and drown in the lagoon?

Why not lower the road?

Back to the wisdom of Harry. Has anyone thought of scraping away a little bit of the asphalt and lowering the road? Yes, I know, I know it's the roofs of the trucks that are hitting the bridge, not the wheels, but maybe the bobby had a point.

I haven't heard of anyone colliding with the adjacent road bridge so it would seem removing a couple of feet would be enough. Yes, in the vernacular, we're talking about vehicles' wheels, not human feet, but based on past experience, Greene has probably been given a coat of asphalt every few years, raising the road level. Just scrape off a few feet of asphalt and concrete and -Bob's yr uncle, ta be sure, ta be sure – thar'd be plenty of room, even for Harry's donkey.

Now the other solution would be an Evel Knievel-style ramp placed before the bridge, which would enable vehicles to sail over the top of both bridges.

This is getting too crazy, maybe we should just establish a Parliamentary Committee to provide Oversight to the Overpass (PCOO) to resolve this overwhelming obstacle of careless drivers.



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Police Report Car thefts continue in Westmount

BY MARTIN C. BARRY

Although a recent streak of burglaries at retail businesses in Westmount appears at least temporarily to have come to a halt, investigators at Station 12 are dealing with an ongoing wave of high-end vehicle thefts.

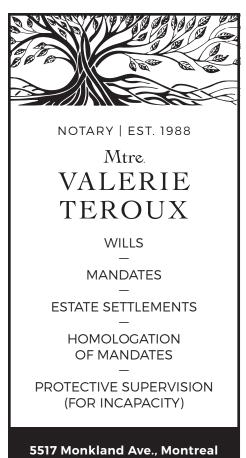
Around 4:30 am on September 10, a Lexus GX SUV was stolen on Roslyn Ave. near the corner of Sherbrooke St.

However, it was recovered about an hour later after being found by Montreal police officers who were patrolling along Côte de Liesse Rd. in the borough of St. Laurent.

According to Station 12 community relations officer Cst. Mike Yigit, the recovery was aided by the fact the vehicle was equipped with a Tag Tracking antitheft system. A company representative called the police to report the stolen car's location.

Land Rover stolen

Around the same time on the same night, a Land Rover parked on Lansdowne Ave. was stolen, although not recovered



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later.

Suburban stolen

Then on Sept. 11 in the middle of the night, a GMC Suburban parked on Grosvenor Ave. disappeared from its parking spot and has not been found since then.

Lexus stolen

Finally, in the early morning hours of Sept. 14, a 2022 Lexus RX was stolen on Metcalfe Ave.

The Montreal police's identification unit are carefully analyzing any clues found in the recovered Lexus GX for fingerprints and other incriminating evidence, said Cst. Yigit.

"Most cars now when they're recovered are being processed for fingerprints and anything else to gather it in a database," he said, noting the investigators are seeking to match what they find with information in criminal records.

After pandemic hiatus **Citizenship ceremony** set for Sept. 23

The city will return to hosting a citizenship ceremony on September 23, Mayor Christina Smith announced at the city council meeting September 5.

This resumes the city's tradition of holding such ceremonies, usually coinciding with Canada Day. This was suspended after the last one in 2018, largely owing to COVID restrictions. When one for 2023 was expected to take place during the strike of blue-collar workers, Mayor Smith said one would be held later.

Among those expected to attend will be newly-elected MP for NDG-Westmount Anna Gainey as well as Westmount's provincial legislative representative, Jennifer Maccarone, Smith said. "If so, it would be the first time the three of us would be together."

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tain.

Its closure would cause a "ripple" effect concerning travel to and from Outremont and the Jewish General Hospital, for example, the council was told.

As to speeding issues, District 8 councillor Kathleen Kez acknowledged that it had been getting worse on Greene south of Dorchester and that the city had been asking the Quebec ministry of Transport for photo radar, without success (see story March 15, 2022, p. 1). The ongoing complaints about street conditions were also addressed at the same meeting by Mayor Smith in announcing the city would be changing its capital works policy from total re-building to more quickly re-paving and repairing. This is to "catch-up" on more routine needs as represented by recent start of work on Claremont south of Sherbrooke (see photos September 12, p. 10).

This week, a resident of the condo building at 1 Wood also wrote to the Independent saying that the condition of the street "in front" of the building was "a disgrace" (see letter, p. 4).

Update Woman's fall from balcony not accidental

By JENNIFER BALL

The police investigation into the death of a woman who died outside the most western block of apartments in The 4300 has been completed and it has ruled out that the fall was accidental.

The 78-year-old woman died on September 5 after a fall from her ninth-floor apartment balcony, which is located at the corner of de Maisonneuve and Redfern Ave. (see September 12, p. 18).

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Sabrina Gaulthier from the media relations department of the Montreal police had said on September 5 that they would be able to review security camera footage and tell if the fall was accidental or intentional.

On September 11, the police's media relations department confirmed it was not accidental.

Minto Apartments, the rental operations and management division of the Minto Group, which owns The 4300, has



set out a wreath by the main entrance of the building to observe the woman's death.



Memorial wreath by the main entrance of The 4300 on September 13.

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Independent's Fall Social Calendar



Social Notes

Veronica Redgrave

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 20

Défi Canapé. Fundraising cocktail for the Batshaw Youth and Family Centres Foundation, supporting clients of Batshaw Youth and Family Centres. Renowned chefs (Chez Mylo Catering, Cartier Arms, Pizzeria Melrose and Epic Tofu) will prepare signature canapés. Guests vote on their favourite and a winning canapé will be crowned. Tavern on the Square will create a special cocktail. Dessert by Doughnats. Tickets \$200 (\$100 for under 35). 6 pm. Entrepôts Dominion, 3968 St. Ambroise. info@batshawfoundation.ca, (514) 989-1885 local 1011.

Thursday, September 28

Barry F. Lorenzetti Foundation Gala. 5th annual event in support of mental health care. Honorary president Lisa Giannone, CEO BFL Canada. With comedian Joey

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Elias and musical guest Brittany Kennell. Host Natasha Gargiulio. Tickets \$875. \$7,000 (table 8). \$8,750 (table 10). Cocktails 6 pm. Dinner and show 7 pm. Dress: cocktail attire with a touch of red. Maison Principal, 872, du Couvent. Contact Susan Dabrowski. Sdabrowski@fondationbfl.org.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1

Stroll & Dash. Co-chairs Casey Tabah and Jessica Lufty. An annual fundraiser for Sarah Cook's Fund for Cedars, this year supporting C.A.R.E., a new program addressing psychological needs of young cancer patients and their families at The Children's. A fun day with face painting, food, DJ, nail art etc. Participants can choose different races: family - stroller race; family and friends - short race, or family and friends - long race. Registration required. Cost: \$50 per family/team. Information Strollanddash.ca.

Sunday, October 15.

Ilios Gala. Estiatorio Milos, 5357 Park. Tickets: Platinum \$10,000 (10 guests) Gold \$5,500 (8); Silver \$3,500 (4). Contact hlbs. ca.

Thursday, October 19.

Miriam Art Auction for Autism. Co-chairs Jeanette Hoffman-Zaffir, Carol Tryansky, Judy Wolfe and Franki Yanofsky. Cocktail dînatoire. 6:30 pm. Maison Alcan, 1188 Sherbrooke St. West. Valet parking. Sponsorships \$5,000 - \$20,000. Tickets \$300. Contact Info@miriamfoundation.ca

The Allegra Foundation's 43rd gala. Founded by artistic director Dorothy Fieldman, the evening celebrates 15 years of Bach Before Bedtime, the collaboration with Yannick Nézet-Séguin and more. Chairs Dan Deckelbaum, Gabi Opas, Stephanie Riddell and Bram Schwartz. Cocktail dînatoire and concert. 6 pm. Tickets \$150. - \$500. Salle Tanna Schulich, 527

Sherbrooke St. W. Tickets: www.canadahelps.org/fr/organismesdebienfaisance/ the-allegra-foundation-fondation-allegra/ events/43rd-annual-gala/.

Sunday, October 29

Allegra presents Bach Before Bedtime Concert: Hallowe'en. Featuring woodwind quintet and narration. 11 am and 4 pm. Choose your time. Wear a costume! Saputo Auditorium, Lower Canada College (LCC), 4090 Royal Ave. Tickets \$15. Children under 6 months free (sitting on parents' laps). Information: bachbeforebedtime. com.

Tuesday, October 31

Allegra presents presents Bach Before Bedtime Concert: Hallowe'en. Featuring woodwind quintet and narration. 10:30 am. Wear a costume! Gesù Amphitheatre, Quartier des spectacles, 1200 rue de Bleury. Tickets \$15. Children under 6 months free (sitting on parents' laps). Information: bachbeforebedtime.com.

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 9

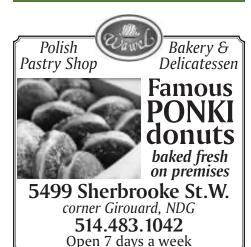
My Big Fat Greek Fundraiser #4. Co-chairs Linda Smith and Andrew Hops. 6:30 pm. Estiatorio Milos, 5357 Park. Tickets \$350. Miriamfoundation.ca

Saturday, November 18

Le Bal du MBAM. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Ball. Co-presidents Charles Emond, CEO CDPQ and France Margaret Bélanger, president sports and entertainment, Groupe CH. The gala celebrates art in all its splendour, inspired by the artistic visionary Marisol (1930-2016) as well as the effervescent creativity of the 1960s and 1970s. 6:30 pm. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1380 Sherbrooke St. West. Tables: Gold \$50,000. Silver \$25,000. Bronze \$20,000. Individual tickets \$2,000. Information: baldumusee@mbamtl.org . 514-285-1600 local 431.



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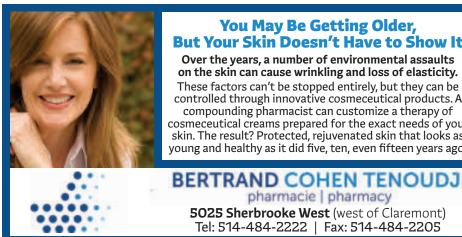
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Enzo is ready for a stable family life in a home with a fenced backyard, and a daily plan of outdoor leash walking and doggie socialization on a routine basis. He is very healthy and active, up to date with his vaccinations, neutered, and microchipped.

Please go online to the www.gerdysrescue.org website and also consult their Facebook social media site. You can then contact the volunteers at their email info@gerdysrescue.org for further information on Enzo and obtain a questionnaire to fill out

Enzo – a great buddy for a fun routine

in order to discuss adoption. Your neighbour, Lysanne





These two sleepy heads are so affectionate with each other and to everyone around them.

Hope is on the left of the photograph, at two years of age, a sleek black-and-grey short-haired tabby who was found with one of her back legs amputated. This has made no difference in her life, and she is a curious and agile miss.

Tigron is on the right of the photograph, at four years of age, a magnificent longhaired caramel-and-grey tabby who starts off a bit shy then is most enthusiastic and devoted.

Both are a bonded pair to be adopted together, and are presently in foster care for the Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions volunteer rescue group. Both Hope and Tigron are very healthy, up to date with their vaccinations, sterilized and microchipped.

Hope and Tigron, loveydovey cuddlers

For more information on them, please do not hesitate to refer to their www.gerdysrescue.org website or their Facebook news, and enquire directly at info@gerdysrescue.org for more information and to obtain an adoption questionnaire to fill out in order to start the process with them to bring Hope and Tigron home.

Your neighbour, Lysanne



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Social Notes

Veronica Redgrave

"Love Thy Neighbour" was the theme of a Forden/Sydenham block party fundraiser to raise critical funds for Centraide and Federation Combined Jewish Appeal (FCJA).

Close to 65 guests attended a cocktail dînatoire held in **Dana** and **Jonathan Goodman's** beautiful garden before walking uphill where dinner was served at the home of **Mary-Dailey** and **Paul Desmarais III**.

Victoria and David Cape, president Groupe Marcelle, then offered dessert at their house further up the street.

Desmarais was co-chair of Centraide's annual campaign in 2022, and Cape is the current annual campaign chair for FCJA. Goodman was a past FCJA campaign chair and currently on Centraide's major donor cabinet.

Amidst softly falling leaves, massive white hydrangea bouquets insisted fall had not yet arrived. Ladies at the street party calibrated their wardrobes to beat the heat, wearing long flowing gowns, linen dresses and T-shirts. The men braved the humidity



'Love thy neighbour' on Forden, Sydenham

Jonathan and Dana Goodman, and Victoria and David Cape.

Italian-style in lightweight jackets.

Noted enjoying the eve were Westmount mayor **Christina Smith** and MPs **Anna Gainey**, and **Anthony Housefather**. Other guests included **Damian Lamb** and **Kelly Holman**, co-founders of Genesys Capital; **Jacques Bernier**, co-founder Terlays Capital; **Tracy Robinson**, CEO of CN; Gail Jarislowsky, Rhoda and Robert Vineberg, Susan and Barry Pascal, Marlene and Joel King, Naomi and Murray Goodz, Samantha continued on p. 14



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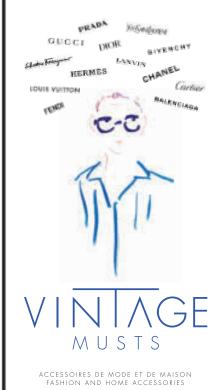
and Adam Bretholz, paediatric ER, Children's Hospital; Aaron and Sharon Stern, Isabelle and Alain Danino, chief plastic surgery, CHUM; Hillel Rosen and Liane Feldman, chief of surgery, MUHC; Maxyne Finkelstein and Steve Merling, Claude Pinard, president Centraide; FCJA's Yair Szlak, president and Natou Suissa, chief development officer, and Marie-Hélène Laramée, vp philanthropic development. Goodman daughters Lilah and Orly greeted guests with grace.

Also seen was **Ron Bernbaum**, founder Peartree Financial and the father of flowthrough shares to finance charity. Peartree was the lead corporate sponsor with a \$180,000 gift split between Centraide and FCJA.

The evenings were held to "inspire others to support the two organizations, both committed to caring for the 20 percent of Montrealers living at or below the poverty line," stated Jonathan, in his opening comments at the innovative and worthwhile eve.

Correction

Excuse me: Last week's column mentioned Rosalind and Morris Goodman. Rosalind is the late wife of Morris. The line should have read Lillian and Morris Goodman. Huge apologies.



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